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SU goes green on Sustainability Day

By Michelle Hinkle
Staff Writer

Salisbury University spread the Green last week, the Going Green Campaign that is, by celebrating Campus Sustainability Day. To kick off events, the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art offered students the opportunity to get on board by signing up for sustainable volunteer activities. SU President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach joined in the festivities by accepting a certificate from the Mac-Gray Corporation for the University's involvement in a car-

2007, scientific evidence was released stating that human influence on climate changes was unequivocal. "Each of us is contributing to the problem and that is hard to swallow," Second Nature President Anthony Cortese said. Cortese said it is important to spread the message that each person is part of the problem, but can also be part of the solution.

Dr. Richard Moss of the World Wildlife Fund said 588 university and college presidents are taking a giant step forward by recognizing the moral and civilizational chal-



Kathy Pusey photo

President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach does her laundry in SU's new environmentally-friendly washing machines during Campus Sustainability Day. These high-efficiency washers are equipped with auto-injection detergent dispensers.

bon reduction campaign. Students supporting the cause showed their spirit by wearing green and writing chalk messages along campus paths.

In keeping with the Going Green theme, the webcast "Climate Realities, Challenges and Progress in Higher Education," cosponsored by the Residence Life and Human Resources offices, was aired for all interested students. New York Times Dot Earth Blogger Andrew Revkin moderated a panel of experts from the environmental groups Second Nature, the Climate Change World Wildlife Fund and the Energy Action Coalition. In

allenge at hand. "The lives of students will not be as good as they could be because of the climate changes," Moss said.

"This isn't just about polar bears," said Jessy Tolkan, Executive Director of programs for the EAC.

SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach was rewarded for the University's participation in the "Lighten the Load" carbon reduction program sponsored by the Mac-Gray Corporation. SU installed high-efficiency washing machines with auto-injection detergent dispensers in residence halls across campus. While most

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Spontaneous Art Show "draws" a crowd



Adrienne Price photo

Hosted by the Salisbury Art Club, Thursday's Spontaneous Art Show provided a venue for student artists to display their work. Paintings, drawings, and even new media were on display from 2-5 p.m. in Red Square. Students interested in joining the Art Club are welcome to attend the club's meetings, which are held Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the TETC's Satellite Dining Area.

ROTC program makes comeback

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

For the first time in several years, Salisbury University is offering the Army's Reserve Officer Training Corp program, also known as ROTC. "When you sign up you don't sign your life away. There's a lot more freedom than simply enlisting," said First Lieutenant David Engelman.

Engelman, SU alum and servicemen during the Iraq War, is an Assistant Professor of Military Science and is excited for Salisbury students to have the opportunity to experience the ROTC program. During his time at SU, Engelman went through the ROTC program but was forced to drive to the University of Delaware once or twice a week due to the fact that Salisbury did not have a stationed program on campus.

The resurgence of the program was brought on by the demand of the students, said Engelman. Earlier in the year students began requesting a program and SU



Publications photo

Cadet Robert McNeil gets in some target practice at the Nanticoke Range. Cadets do weapons familiarization twice a semester.

produced 13 cadets, two more than the necessary 11 to start an on-campus program, he said.

The ROTC program offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities that enable the cadets to learn and train for the life of a

soldier. There is an extensive physical training program three times a week as a means to ensure peak fitness among the cadets. Field leadership training, land navigation and water sur-

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Students go booze-free for Alcohol Awareness Week



Adrienne Price photo

Students share a moment of silence during the Alcohol Awareness Memorial, held last Tuesday in Red Square. Any persons in recovery and victims or friends of victims of an alcohol-related incident were encouraged to attend.

By Rachael Stone
Staff Writer

Last week, SU's Student Affairs Division recognized National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week with a series of activities students could participate in while abstaining from alcohol consumption. Of the events, students had the opportunity to take the alcohol-free pledge, catch Monday night football in the GUC Fireside Lounge, participate in free give-aways, paint a pumpkin, and participate in an alcohol-free alternative party, among other things. Students were seen around campus wearing green paper bracelets. "The bracelets stand for being alcohol-free or responsible about drinking," said sophomore Megan Brebner, who took the pledge.

Pumpkin Painting, hosted by GUC Events, was held on Thursday in front of the Student Activities

Office. "A lot of people came out," said sophomore Kristi Staley. "I painted one along with three of my roommates."

While some students pledged to not drink entirely, some pledged just to make cautious and responsible decisions while drinking. Pamphlets and brochures concerning alcohol awareness were available to the public.

Jennifer Berkman, director of SU's student health services, wishes that students were reminded to make good decisions and to be aware of alcohol safety all the time. "It was important to celebrate Alcohol Awareness Week, but I think it needs to be something students are thinking about all year around," she said.

According to Berkman, over 500 students go through alcohol education programs a year, 100 students

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TUESDAY 10/28/08	WEDNESDAY 10/29/08	THURSDAY 10/30/08	FRIDAY 10/31/08	SATURDAY 11/1/08	SUNDAY 11/2/08	MONDAY 11/3/08
HIGH 56	HIGH 54	HIGH 56	HIGH 64	HIGH 59	HIGH 55	HIGH 58
WINDY CLOUDY	WINDY CLOUDY	SUNNY	SUNNY	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	SUNNY
LOW 37	LOW 34	LOW 39	LOW 44	LOW 36	LOW 40	LOW 41

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Briefly Stated

Student Film Screenings

Student filmmaking is highlighted with the screening of two short documentaries made by Communication Arts Department students 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, in TETC Room 179. The Bicycle Man is directed by Bryan Babcock and tells the story of Maurice Harmon, a homeless person living in Ocean City who has become a local celebrity for his kindness and generosity of spirit. Piano Man: The Nathaniel Dreher Story is directed by Marc Gast and tells the story of one for whom music is a crucial part of his personal faith and community life. The making of these films was supervised by Dr. Frances Kendall, Communication Arts Department. For more information contact Dr. Elsie Walker at 410-677-5329.

Meeting of the Minds

Senior Kiya Amajioji hosts a "Meeting of the Minds" on the upcoming presidential election 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center. Amajioji invites faculty and students from all political parties, as well as those who are unaffiliated, to express their views during two 12-member panel discussions. Participants are asked to speak on issues that matter to them in this year's election and how the current state of the nation will affect the winning candidate's early presidency. Audience members also are invited to participate. Sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, Political Science Department, Multicultural Student Services and Guerrieri University Center, admission is free and the public is invited.

Need a Major?

Let SU's Career Services help you figure out which major is for you Wednesday, October 29, at the Career Center. To find out more and to register for the program, log in through eRecruiting at <http://salisbury.edu/recruiting.com/et/security/login.jsp> (instructions are on the left). Hear from Career Services staff and others to help you with your major decisions. Interest tests, Web pages and knowledgeable people are available to help in this decision-making process.

Music Madness Competition

Calling all beat-boxers! SU's only student-run a capella group SquawkaPELLa hosts Music Madness, a beat-boxing competition and free karaoke 8 p.m. Thursday, October 30, in the Wicomico Room. There will be raffles and prizes throughout the evening. The beat-box grand prize is \$45 to Outback Steakhouse! General admission to the competition is a \$5 donation. Bring extra change to enter raffles for awesome prizes.

Renaissance Lectures

SU faculty explore how the Renaissance changed the world in the 15th century and continues to have an impact today during the Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series, held select Thursdays throughout the semester. Part of SU's Renaissance cultural events series, lectures are 7 p.m. in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Remaining topics include: □ October 30: Dr. Keith Brower, Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies Department, "Don Quixote" □ November 13: Ursula Ehrhardt, Art Department, "Art, Artists and Patrons in the Renaissance" Sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs, admission is free and the public is invited. For information call 410-219-2872.



Internet photo

Freelance TV journalist and motivational speaker Elliot Lewis spoke on *Multiracial America* last Monday night in the Wicomico Room in the GUC.

Crossing the color line with Elliot Lewis

By Lauren Sadler
Staff Writer

Elliot Lewis, freelance television journalist and motivational speaker, visited Salisbury University on Monday Oct. 20. Lewis discussed his experiences growing up as a multiracial American in his lecture "It's a Multiracial Thing!" The former CNN journalist published his life story and the experiences of others in his book *Fade: My Journeys in Multiracial America* in 2006. The Office of Multicultural Affairs sponsored the event.

Lewis, whose parents are both multiracial as well, argued that a person can be multiracial by birth and by experience. Race is a social construct more than a biological one, Lewis said.

When strangers ask what race Lewis is, they're in for more than just a one-word answer. To Lewis, race is complex and malleable. Lewis stressed that identity formation is a process. Different societies adhere to different ideas and norms. "We need to acknowledge that. Nothing is set in stone," Lewis said.

Salisbury's Provost, Dr. Tom Jones, asked Lewis how many more years it would take for race not to be an issue in society. "Many, many years. It's not race that's the problem, it's racism," Lewis said. Society is moving in the right direction of inclusion and diversity, but multiracial people are still being forced to choose an identity that may not be consistent with their experience, Lewis said.

Sustainability

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home washers use 32 gallons of water per load, the new SU machines use a mere 12 gallons. In addition to the certificate, the Mac-Gray Corporation has agreed to donate \$800 each year to a national carbon reduction organization, carbonfund.org. The donations will be made for each year SU has contracted Mac-Gray.

The Ward Museum of Wildlife Art offered students the chance to sign up for environmentally friendly projects in the community. Projects included storm-water management,

completing an alternative commuting and transportation inventory, a waste stream inventory and analysis, May Day for the environment, research for sustainable purchasing at the museum, and cataloging the native and non-native plants on the Ward Museum property. Several of these projects provide students the chance to earn internship experience while doing a service for the community. For more information about the volunteer opportunities contact the Museum at (410) 742-4988.



Sarah Wright photo

Lora Bottinelli (right), Executive Director of the Ward Museum, discusses available volunteer opportunities for students with Wayne Shelton, Director of Campus Sustainability and Environmental Safety, and Rose MacGregor, Education Program Coordinator at the Ward Museum, Wednesday in Red Square.

New residence hall on the rise

By Vanessa Junkin
Staff Writer

There will be a new place to live on campus at SU beginning the 2011-2012 school year.

The housing project, which may cost up to \$45 million, was a reply to a student survey given last year, which revealed that students wanted more places to live on campus and preferred apartment-style residences on the main campus side of Route 13.

The residence hall, which will be for upperclassmen, will take the place of the current Allenwood shopping center as well as a nearby parking lot currently used for University vehicles.

"It responds specifically to what students told us they wanted," said Greig Mitchell, Vice President of Administration and Finance.

In addition to the existing campus housing, the new building, holding about 600 beds, will make room for about 40 percent of SU students to live on campus.

It is unknown exactly how the building will look and, Mitchell noted, although about three acres are available, "the dimension will depend upon the design."

Guidelines set by the University will still be followed, though. Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, Vice President of Student Affairs, said the new structure "will hold the architecture of the campus, and blend into the campus, so it

won't be anything that's so high that it doesn't complement what we have."

However, there will be one thing that will make the new hall different from any of SU's other residence halls — it will have commercial, retail stores on the first level, chosen based off of things students would want, but also for the use of community members.

Possibilities include a coffee shop, a restaurant, a retail bookstore and a convenience store. Neufeldt said this first floor would be made up of "things to give the students more opportunities for positive gathering spaces."

The project will be a public-private partnership, and Neufeldt explained that while residents would pay the price of the room to a private company, the residence life aspect of the building would be taken care of by SU.

A Request For Proposal was recently announced, and contractors have the chance to let SU their offers on how to develop the residence hall.

While describing the RFP process, Mitchell explained, "You work with those developers and try to figure out which is the most advantageous to the institution, and then you award the contract to them."

Neufeldt said, "I am so excited to be a part of a university that is really looking at what the students' needs are and putting together a plan to meet them in this way."

Crime Beat

10/02/08 12 a.m.
Credit Card Fraud

Someone made two unauthorized on-line purchases using a Salisbury University credit card account number. The case is under investigation by the University Police Department.

10/10/08-10/11/08 5 p.m.-10:27 a.m.
Hate-related graffiti

Someone drew swastikas upon the walls on the second floor of Chester Hall. The matter is under investigation by the University Police Department.

10/11/08 4:15-4:41 p.m.
Arson

Someone set a telephone book on fire on the sidewalk between Chester and Choptank Halls. The University Police are investigating the matter.

10/10/08-10/13/08 4 p.m.-8 a.m.
Destruction of Property

Someone shattered the left side window of a University-owned van that was parked at the Support Services Building.

10/17/08 3:13 a.m.
Alcohol-Related Injury

University Police responded to a room in Nanticoke Hall for a student who had fallen from her top bunk. An ambulance was called and the student was transported to the hospital for treatment. The investigation revealed that the consumption of alcoholic beverages may have been a contributing factor in this incident. This case was forwarded to the Office of Housing and Residence Life and to the Office of Student Affairs for review.

10/18/08 12:25 a.m.
Assault/Disorderly Conduct/Alcohol Violation

The University Police Department assisted the Salisbury Police department with an assault at a party at 1104 Camden Ave. When a University Police Officer arrived, a group of individuals fled, leaving behind a 1/2 keg of beer. Investigative reports related to this incident were forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs for review.

10/18/08-10/21/08 4:30 p.m.
Theft

Two oriental rugs were stolen from the Guerrieri University Center. The case is under investigation by the University Police.

ROTC returns

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vival training are just some of the opportunities offered to ROTC cadets.

Perhaps the most exciting experience is the chance for cadets to repel down from the campus buildings, said Engelman. "We set up on top of the dorms and practice repelling down just as if they were in a military situation."

In addition to the unique experiences, the ROTC program offers noticeable benefits that can assist every student who pursues their scholarship opportunities.

"Cadets can get all of their college paid for with two to four years in full by applying for paid tuition scholarships," Engelman said. "Then after college you go on to lead a 38-person platoon."

During the first year of ROTC, students have the liberty to drop

out if they feel they are not ready or satisfied with the program.

However, after the first year is completed, cadets are required to complete the corp and then become an active member of the U.S. Army.

"The day you graduate is the day you are commissioned. You walk off stage, and then you're sworn in," Engelman said.

The Iraq War has received a tremendous amount of opposition across the U.S. The ROTC program at the University of Delaware has dealt with protesters who have thrown things at the cadets during physical training, Engelman said. However, Engelman says that no such opposition against the soldiers and cadets of the ROTC program exists at SU. "There is no negativity or scrutiny towards us. The campus is very supportive."

Alcohol Awareness

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are arrested a year for DUIs, and student health services treats about five alcohol-related injuries each week. Berkman also said that a lot of students are getting busted and are receiving alcohol citations for having open containers.

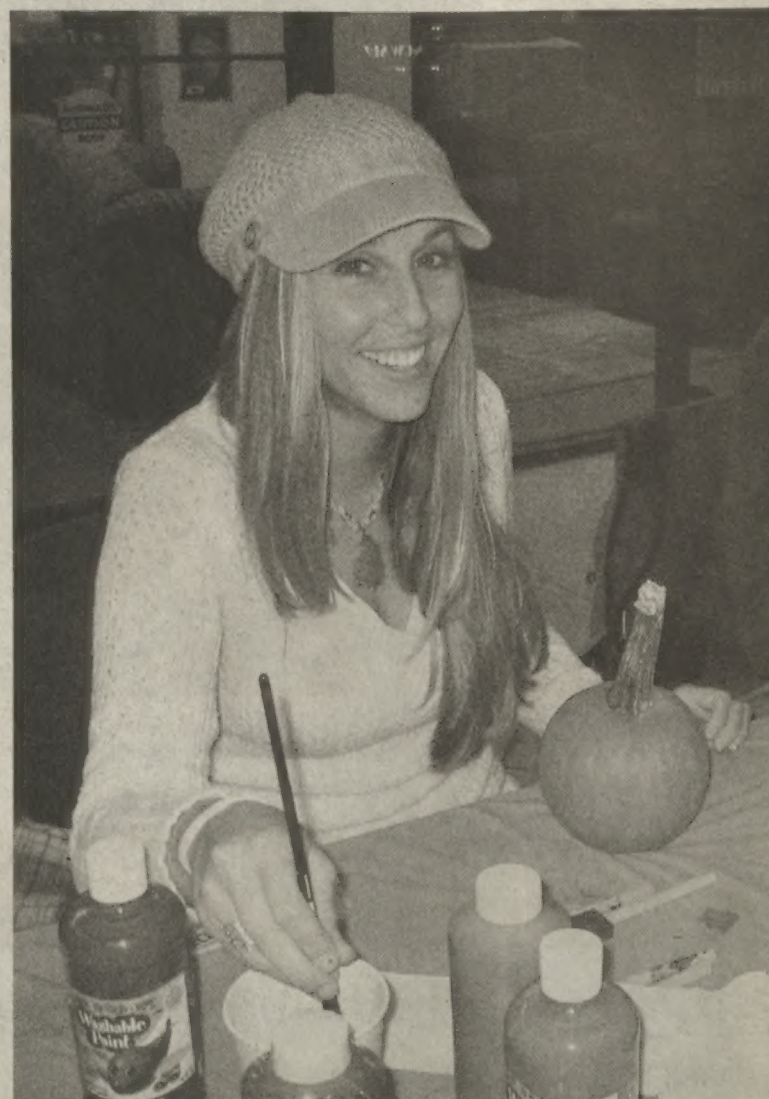
"The thing that alarms me the most is the number of kids that have received DUIs or have gotten in a car with someone who has been drinking," she said.

Overall, Berkman is pleased with the success of the events throughout the week. "I love that student groups are trying to find fun, alcohol-free things to do on campus," she said.

"Most people won't admit that they have a drinking problem until something bad happens and it's too late," Berkman said. "We usually find out when roommates or friends come to us to seek help about the person they are concerned about."

If you suspect that someone you know has a drinking problem, Berkman suggests that you are compassionate when you speak with them, approach them with the mentality that you are worried about them, and know and suggest available sources so that your friend can get help. If students do not wish to contact student health services or other available sources, they can call the life crisis hotline to receive treatment and support.

Although students are reminded



Sarah Wright photo

Senior Keri Bennett creates a masterpiece at GUC Events' second annual Pumpkin Painting, held Wednesday as a part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

SU to host array of events for 2008 Family Weekend

SALISBURY, MD—From the athletic fields to the stage, students share their talents with parents, siblings and other relatives during Salisbury University's 2008 Family Weekend, Friday-Sunday, October 31-November 2.

Activities will begin with the Family Weekend Challenge, a parent-student golf outing at 11 a.m. Friday at Nutters Crossing Golf Course. Registration is \$75 per two-person team.

Families bringing little ones to campus on Halloween need not worry about missing traditional hometown festivities. From 6-8 p.m. SU presents a Family Weekend Fall Festival at the Scarborough Leadership Center, complete with trick-or-treating, pumpkin decorating and inflatables.

Broadway actress Jennifer Hope Willis returns to her Alma Mater to speak with theatre students about preparing for and entering the world of professional theatre on Oct. 31, 7 p.m. in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall.

She gives a brief performance, followed by an Inside the Actors' Studio-like question-and-answer session with audience participation, hosted by Dr. Paul Pfeiffer, director of SU Theatre. Willis has starred on Broadway as Christine Dae in Phantom of the Opera, performed with Brooke Shields in Wonderful Town and as Belle in Disney's Beauty and the Beast.

The Family Weekend Showcase follows at 8 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium. Inspired by American Idol and So You Think You Can Dance, SU students become the stars in this variety show. Tours of SU's new Teacher Education and Technology Center kick off Saturday's events every two hours from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Brunch with SU President Janet Dudley-Babbach and the University's vice presidents and deans is Saturday from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Commons.

Admission is \$10, \$5 for children 6-12, free for children 5 and under. Students may use their meal plans to attend.

SU football takes on Wesley College 1 p.m. at Sea Gull Stadium. Admission is \$5, \$3 for non-SU students, \$2 for children ages 12 and under. SU ID holders receive one ticket free. Family members may purchase discount tickets for \$3 with the presentation of an SU ID at the Information Desk of the Guerrieri University Center until 11 a.m. on game day.

SU's Parent and Family Association hosts a post-game reception at 4 p.m. Saturday on the Henson Science Hall Lawn, featuring taste buds for Dining Services' annual Recipes From Home Dinner 5-7:30 p.m. at the Commons. The SU Theatre Department presents a radio-style reading of Our Town during the dinner. Admission to the event, featuring recipes submitted by students' families, is \$9.97, \$6.06 for children 6-12, free for children 5 and under.

Family Weekend activities culminate with a jazz brunch featuring

the band "Elvis Who?" 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday in the Commons. Admission is \$10, \$5 for children 6-12, free for children 5 and under. Students may use their meal plans to attend.

Other Family Weekend activities include: **Friday, October 31** • 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Open classrooms • 5 p.m. - Teacher Education and Technology Center tour • 7 p.m. - The Mummy 3: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor screening, Caruthers Hall Auditorium

Saturday, November 1 • 9 a.m. - Study abroad presentation, TETC Room 153 • 10 a.m. - "The Wide World of Financial Aid and What It Means to You," TETC Room 153 • 11 a.m. - "What Employers Expect From Your Son and Daughter," Guerrieri University Center, Career Services Office • 2 and 7 p.m. - The Mummy 3: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor, Caruthers Hall Auditorium • 8 p.m. - Illusionist and Mentalist Wayne Hoffman, Holloway Hall Auditorium

Sunday, November 2 • 7 p.m. - The Mummy 3: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor, Holloway Hall Auditorium

All events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information call 410-543-6080 or visit the Family Weekend Web site at www.salisbury.edu/parents/familyweekend.

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



Freaky Film Nite

Sophanes Theatre Club and Bound & Gagged Improv Troupe hosts its inaugural Free Freaky Film Movie Nite screening of *Se7en* Tuesday, Oct. 28, in Fulton Hall Room 111. The film follows two detectives, one retiring (Morgan Freeman) and his replacement (Brad Pitt), jointly investigating a series of ritualistic murders inspired by the seven deadly sins. Admission is free and concessions will be sold beginning at 7:30 p.m. The film begins at 8 p.m. For more information e-mail sophanes@salisbury.edu.

Super Spooky Bike Ride

SU's Critical Mass invites you to put on your costume and join them Friday, Oct. 31 at 4 p.m. for their Super Spooky Bike Ride. Participants will meet at the GUC/Dogwood parking lot. Terrorize Salisbury with a Creepy Concourse of Costumed Cyclists! Contact Virginia Gambrell at vg06982@students.salisbury.edu for more information.

Pumpkin Carving

SU's BEACON and the Center for International Education co-sponsor the inaugural SU Jack-o-Lantern Celebration 3-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, on the lawn of the Center for International Education, 1106 Camden

Avenue. Open to all SU students, faculty, staff and their families and friends, kids of all ages are invited to a pumpkin-carving event. Costumes are encouraged. Free pumpkins are available for the first 30 registrants. Those not part of the first 30 are encouraged to bring their own pumpkin and enjoy the event. In addition, carving materials and special "kid-friendly" tools are available. To reserve one of the 30 pumpkins, call Dayna Jost at 410-334-3495 or e-mail sucie@salisbury.edu.

Terror @ Twilley Centre

The Twilley Centre, Salisbury, 7:30 p.m. Not suggested for children under age 7. \$10. Proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Western Sussex County and the American Cancer Society.

Poplar Hill Mansion Ghost Tour and Halloween Party

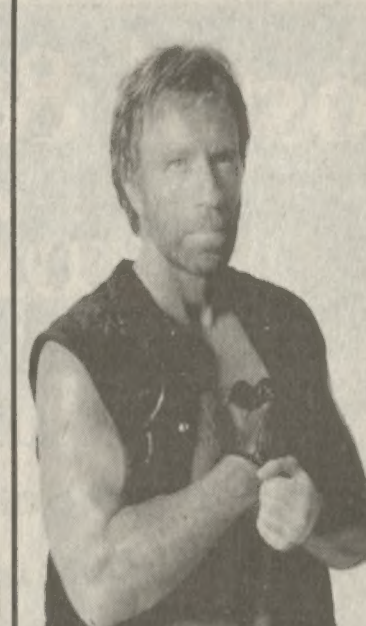
Poplar Hill Mansion, Salisbury, Friday, Oct. 31 at 9 p.m. Adults-only Halloween Party with battery operated candle tour of all the reported mansion haunts. Costumes are encouraged. Poplar Hill Mansion has a long history of reported ghosts and paranormal activity. \$10; tour, refreshments, entertainment. Proceeds will support the historic interior paint project. 410-749-1776; www.poplarhillmansion.org.

Retraction

In last week's "Students get hyped at the Homecoming Pep Rally," SOAP was given the credit for hosting the event. It was the SGA, and not SOAP, who hosted the event. The Flyer would like to apologize to the SGA and applaud them for their efforts throughout Homecoming 2008.

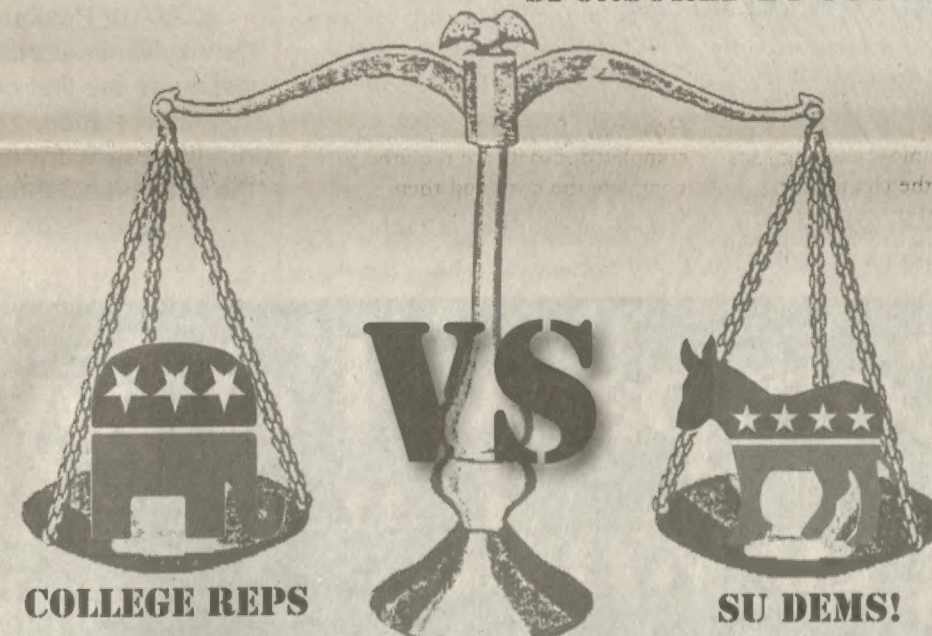
CHUCK NORRIS SAYS TO SIGN UP FOR THE SELF DEFENSE AWARENESS AND FAMILIARIZATION EXCHANGE (S.A.F.E.) PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 FROM 6 - 8 P.M. A SIGN-UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE AT THE GUC INFORMATION DESK. DO IT.

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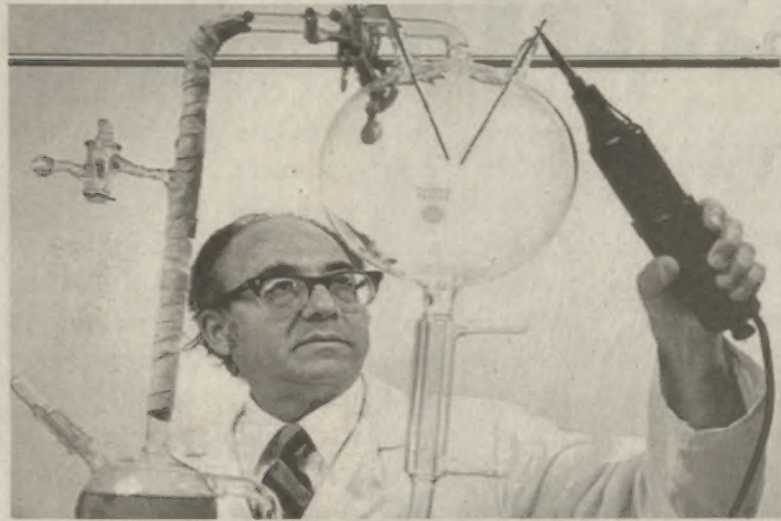
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Chemist Stanley Miller uses the gases contained within these closed flasks to create an electric spark, representing lightning on ancient Earth.

Scientists find possible origin of life matter in volcanic activity

By Sarah Duffy
Staff Writer

In the 1950s, chemist Stanley Miller conducted an experiment to find exactly how life started on Earth. The experiment was created to test how the ingredients necessary for life were produced. With the help of modern technology, scientists have recently reanalyzed the results from Miller's tests and discovered that the original spark for life may have come from volcanic eruptions.

Miller and his mentor, Harold Urey from the University of Chicago, used a system of closed flasks containing water and a gas of simple molecules. The molecules, ammonia, methane and hydrogen, were thought to be common in Earth's early atmosphere. The pair then zapped the gas with an electric spark, representing lightning on ancient Earth. They found after a few weeks that amino acids – the basic building blocks of life – had formed from the simple materials in the flask.

Miller's findings were proof these fundamental building blocks of life could be derived from natural processes on Earth. Earlier, scientists believed amino acids were formed through interactions on Earth or collisions with comets and meteorites.

Jeffrey Bada, a researcher at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, recently discovered vials containing residue from the original tests. Bada is coincidentally a former graduate student of Miller's while he was conducting the experiments.

After running tests on the vials, it was found that in some trials steam had been injected into the gas to simulate conditions similar to clouds of an erupting volcano. Miller never made these results public.

Within these recovered samples, Bada and his team found 22 amino acids, 10 of which had never been found in any other experiment like Miller's. Bada also found the flasks contained far more organic molecules than his teacher had realized. These findings provide even more proof for the theory that volcanic eruptions ignited life on Earth.

Scientists believe Miller did not have the analytical tools necessary to draw these conclusions from the experiment.

The new research conveys more evidence that volcanoes did have a part in creating the original spark for life on Earth. However, scientists believe it was not the only phenomenon that helped in the creation of life. Researchers published results of the new analysis in the Oct. 16 issue of the journal Science.

New economic stimulus plan in sight

By Laura Dignan
Staff Writer

The idea for another economic stimulus package for Americans has been discussed on Capitol Hill. On Monday, Oct. 20, it seemed that President Bush and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke were supportive of the plan.

"With the economy likely to be weak for several quarters, and with some risk of a protracted slowdown," said Bernanke, "consideration of a fiscal package by the Congress at this juncture seems appropriate."

In February, the first stimulus package, costing \$168 billion, was approved and most individuals and couples were given tax rebate checks that ranged from \$600-\$1,200. Starting in May, checks were sent to 111 million households.

While it appeared at first that President Bush was behind the idea of a new stimulus for Americans, by Tuesday, the idea was considered not likely to happen anytime soon. Dana Perino, the White House Press Secretary, said the president is open to all good ideas but that officials have not seen any new proposals that would give the economy a boost. It is possible it will not be dealt with until after the Nov. 4 elections.

Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama is supportive of a new stimulus plan for Americans while his Republican opponent, John McCain, is still weighing the issues and keeping his options open like President Bush.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., says if the Democratic Party puts the stimulus plan into action, they are planning on a

budget of \$150 billion. But economists have been saying that the budget would need to be closer to \$300 billion to make an impact.

"I call on President Bush and congressional Republicans to once again heed Chairman Bernanke's advice," said Pelosi, "and as they did in January, work with Democrats in Congress to enact a targeted, timely and fiscally responsible economic recovery and job creation package."

The past few months have brought Americans negative economic news but on Monday, Oct. 20, the New York-based Conference Board's forecast of future economic activity moved up by a third of a percent. This slight increase helped the U.S. markets and Wall Street's main stock index close with triple-digit gains that day.

HISTORY CORNER

October 28

1948 - Swiss chemist Paul Müller is awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his discovery of the insecticidal properties of DDT.

October 29

1929 - The New York Stock Exchange crashes in what will be called the Crash of '29 or "Black Tuesday," ending the Great Bull Market of the 1920s and beginning the Great Depression.

October 30

1938 - Orson Welles broadcasts his radio play of H. G. Wells's *The War of the Worlds*, causing anxiety in some of the audience in the United States.

October 31

1926 - Magician Harry Houdini dies of gangrene and peritonitis that developed after his appendix ruptured.

November 1

1939 - The first rabbit born after artificial insemination is exhibited to the world.

November 2

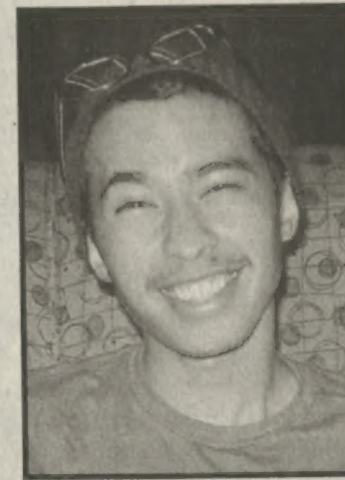
1920 - In the United States, KDKA of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania starts broadcasting as the first commercial radio station. The first broadcast was the results of the U.S. presidential election, 1920.

Overheard:

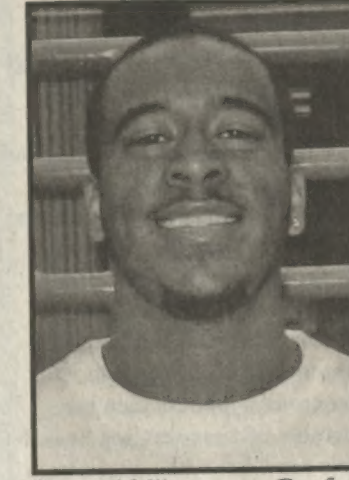
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Brandon Tolson - sophomore



"Professor Ludwick as Tinkerbell."
John Proctor - freshman



"I would like to see Professor Matthew Norman in a Michael Myers costume."
Justin Snyder - sophomore



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Katie Ickie - freshman



"Professor Habay as Super Mario."
Stephen Walker - freshman



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The Fairness Doctrine is unfair

By Zachary Caceres
Staff Writer

In our era of growing government, it is crucial that our fundamental liberties remain secure. Not least among these is the freedom of speech – a liberty that serves as a barometer of government encroachment. When we begin to see free speech seriously threatened, we know that our government is confident enough in their controls that they are willing to seize upon a deeply defended American ideal. The reinstatement of the so-called Fairness Doctrine would be a bold step in a dark direction.

The Fairness Doctrine has a history dating back to the 1940s, when it was an FCC regulation that forced radio licensees to air both sides of a controversial issue. What qualified as controversial or as two opposing sides? The FCC would decide. Not surprisingly, stations avoided coverage of controversial news stories or went off the air altogether, unable to keep a listener base. The Reagan administration repealed the Doctrine and, despite attempts by Congress to bring it into perma-



statement of the Doctrine. A democratic President and majority in Congress could easily pass the law. It's no secret that radio is the only news medium still dominated by conservative opinion. If the Fairness Doctrine were imposed, carriers in mass would drop controversial talk show hosts like Rush Limbaugh to avoid the regulation and because successful liberal talk show hosts – necessary to "balance" the views – are nearly impos-

sible to find. Air America, a multi-million dollar attempt at left-wing talk radio quickly went bankrupt. Some liberal talk show hosts are out-ranked by local "oldies" stations.

The Fairness Doctrine would not mean "fairness" on the radio; it would mean almost total destruction of conservative viewpoints in the media – since television, newspapers and magazines are all predominately liberal.

Many voters are quick to support government initiatives that will seemingly benefit their own political party at the expense of the other. Having Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh off the air would make many politicians' lives much easier. The left should beware though, because what is first a measure to stifle your opposition quickly becomes your own oppressor if the balance of power were to shift. What are first baby steps in stifling opposing viewpoints pave the way for total destruction of freedom of speech. So next time you're infuriated by some radio host consider a simple alternative to signing over another constitutional liberty, reach out and change the station.

What makes a "real" American?

By Jeremy Riffe
Editorial Editor

Recently, Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin was campaigning in rural North Carolina, where she said that she and her running mate, John McCain believe "that the best of America is in these small towns that we get to visit, and in these wonderful little pockets of what I call the real America, being here with all of you – hardworking, very patriotic, very pro-America areas of this great nation."

In that statement, Palin essentially claimed that there is a "real America," a true America, filled with authentic Americans who hold the country dearer than other Americans, false Americans, do. And who are these false Americans? Apparently they are the Americans who disagree with Palin and McCain. They are the elitists, the Americans who are somehow out of touch with what this country is really like. They are the urban Americans, who lack the small town values of the real Americans that Palin loves so much. They are the Americans who disagree with the belief that this country is always right and that any adjustments that are needed to improve the country are trivial.

The idea that there are more than one Americas, and that only one is a genuine America is repugnant to the



VP hopeful Sarah Palin referred to her supporters as "real" Americans. So we ask her: What constitutes a real American, Governor Palin?

very ideas encapsulated in the history of this nation. When we pledge allegiance to the flag, we pledge to one indivisible nation. The last time I checked, one of our mottos translates to "out of many, one" not "only one, out of many fakes."

This is one of the greatest strengths of America; that, out of our countless experiences and opinions and ideals, we are bound together by the overarching national principles of liberty, equality and justice. It is not supposed to matter if you are a Republican or a Democrat, a conservative or a liberal, an Ivy League alum or a community college graduate. The label of a

real American is valid regardless of your faith, the color of your skin, whether you live in a metropolis or a two-horse town and whether you eat hot dogs or arugula. The diversity of this nation, this wealth of individual identities, all American, is what makes this nation of many so great.

More or less to her credit, Palin has apologized for the way her statement has been construed. The fact remains, however, that what she said is truly divisive and harmful to the unity of this nation. It is up to all of us, all Americans, to always remember what the label American truly means.

~SUDOKU~ The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

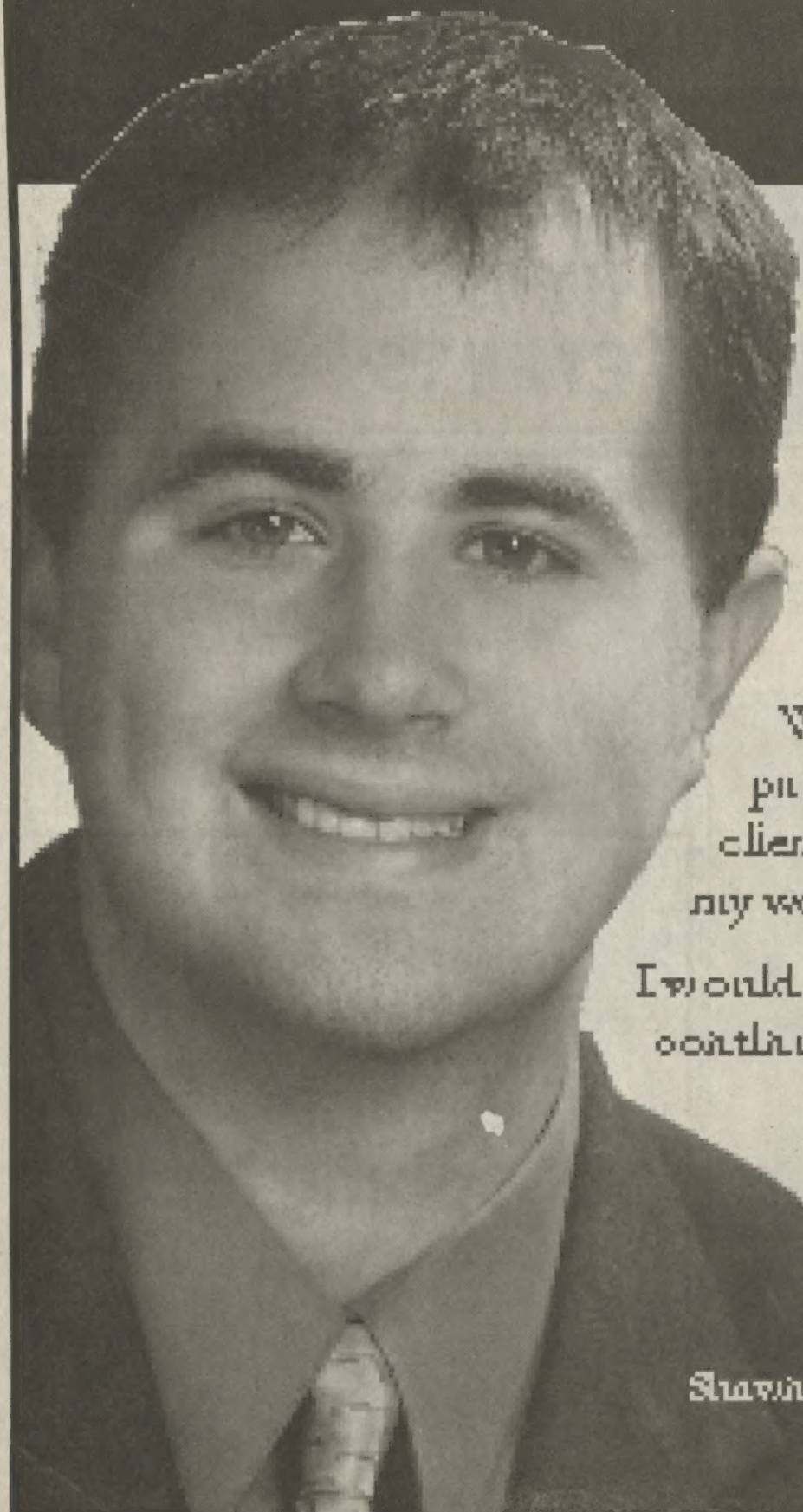
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Difficulty Rating: Medium

Solution to last week's puzzle:

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How do we characterize the recent economic events?



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Are we on the fast track to another depression? We soon will be if we don't change our ways.

By Eric J. Buratty
Staff Writer

Today's economic crisis is what the Austrian School of Economics calls a "secondary depression." The public only sees financial turmoil, and most do not know the causes. The fundamental problem in our economy is that we have become a nation of debtors; we borrow for consuming instead of producing. America's historic economic success reflects that we used to be the largest creditor nation when we borrowed large amounts of foreign money to produce.

We have confused spending and consumption with real wealth. Real wealth is equal to our savings, and currently all we have to show for owing trillions are empty houses, flat screen TVs, and SUVs. This problem can be addressed through understanding that wealth is synonymous with savings. Savings and smart investments are used to produce necessary goods and services that keep our economy operating. Obviously this isn't the case now.

This failure to understand fundamental economics has been displayed through the inability to implement advantageous fiscal

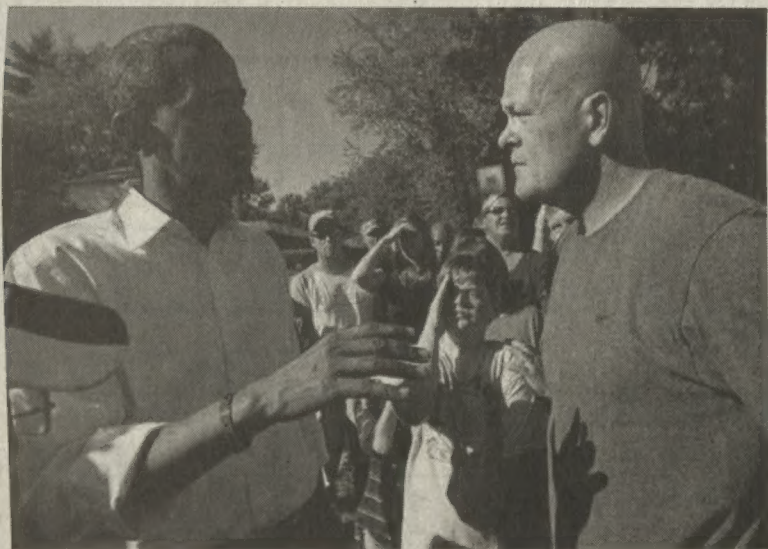
policies. As the Federal Reserve keeps interest rates (what we pay for our money) artificially low and inject more liquidity (e.g., the bailout) into our markets, this only creates "easy" money and encourages more spending to finance consumption. Another point is that our financial policymakers have failed to have foresight and preempt flawed expenditures, hence the risky approach which has been taken. This is how you

become affected: less real money available means future cuts in real living (education, arts, technology, etc.). Thus, standards of living will diminish while the economy struggles to recover.

"The real problem with the economy is its capital structure, and we need to experience a severe recession because we need to learn to save and produce, not borrow and consume. The government is not helping this problem, it is exacerbating it," said Adam Messick, a junior double major in finance and accounting at SU. It is unfortunate that profits have been kept private and losses kept public.

Recent economic events are consistent with the Austrian School theory of money, banking and credit cycles. The theory supports the laissez-faire economic approach, and says that the economy will fix itself without intervention. The only real solution then is to experience a natural recession, so that uncertainty will eventually decrease. Yes, there will be hard times: failing businesses, more lost jobs; adverse affects will impact everyone. But continually inflating the money supply artificially will drive us toward inflationary depression, which will ultimately lower the standard of living.

Obsession with Joe the Plumber is out of hand



Reuters photo

The real "Joe the plumber," Joe Wurzelbacher, chats with US presidential candidate Barack Obama in Ohio.

By Tara Underwood
Staff Writer

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A final argument... Vote for change this election



By William Wootten
SU Dems' Publicist

Many of us will be heading to the polls this Nov. 4 to vote for our next president and vice-president. In this crucial election, I urge you to vote for Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. Joe Biden.

Obama and Biden bring fresh, new ideas. They, like many citizens, are dissatisfied with the direction this country is heading. They are sick of energy dependence on foreign countries, yet they value the environment and our scarce natural resources. Obama and Biden will help create five million jobs by strategically investing \$150 billion over the next 10 years to build a clean energy future. Within 10 years, they plan to save more oil than America currently imports from the Middle East and Venezuela combined. They will put 1 million American-built plug-in hybrid cars, which can get up to 150 miles per gallon, on the road by 2015.

They are sick of seeing the wealthiest of the rich take advantage of the lower classes while the poor get poorer. They promise to cut taxes for 95 percent of workers and their families with a tax cut of \$500 for workers or \$1,000 for working couples. Obama and Biden will eliminate capital gains taxes for small businesses and cut corporate taxes for firms that invest and create jobs in America.

They are sick of seeing our brave young men and women dying overseas in their third or more deployment to Iraq but they realize it will take a responsible plan to get the military out of Iraq. The removal of our troops will be responsible and phased, directed by military commanders in consultation with the Iraqi government. Military experts believe we can safely remove them in 16 months. Under the Obama-Biden plan, a force will remain in Iraq to conduct counter-terrorism missions against al-Qaeda in Iraq and to protect American diplomatic and civilian personnel.

They are fed up with our current health care system. The Obama-Biden plan provides affordable, accessible health care for all Americans, builds on the existing health care system, and uses existing providers, doctors and plans to implement the plan. Patients can make health care decisions with their doctors, instead of being blocked by insurance companies.

This November you can either vote for change or more of the same.

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John McCain, the fighter America needs



By Dave Larmore
Director of Communications for College Republicans @ SU

Bush will be gone in January, but there is still an equally repugnant circus of a problem with Congress. If you are dissatisfied with Congress' pitiful performance, then vote for John McCain. McCain never has and never will aim to appease Nancy Pelosi and her cronies. John McCain is a member of Congress, but he is the only candidate with a big enough seat to fight the corrupt proposals, increased spending and planned tax-raising in our broken capitol hill.

Congress recently proposed a bailout for their pals on Wall Street. Some suggest John McCain doesn't have all the answers on the economy, but he understands it's wrong to discriminate and target a particular group because of their financial success reaped from their successful labor. Similar to every president preceding him, McCain will surround himself with those who are qualified to advise him on the economy.

No president makes decisions alone, and John McCain will listen to advice from Republicans and Democrats alike. McCain has never strictly walked the line of his party, and has a history of going against Republicans. McCain is famous for working in a bipartisan fashion, whereas Barack Obama has docilely voted with fellow Democrats in the Senate 97% of the time. In this tremendously tumultuous time, America cannot risk electing a president with no record of working with both sides of the aisle, and we cannot allow the problem to enhance its power.

Regardless of the party label beside the candidate's name, America needs a president who will do what is right for the country. Only McCain can humble the paltry politicians who bastardize this beautiful, honorable country. Only McCain can bring reckoning to the trifling politicians who rape the people's faith in their government. Only McCain can maintain America's tradition of having the fortitude to fight terrorism, the evil dictators and the nations who jeopardize both America and her allies' security. America cannot afford to elect a president who, when not pusillanimously voting "present," readily obeys his party and Congress. America deserves a fighter who will confront the problematical politicians both home and abroad.

Forget about the fancy rhetoric and "inspiration." Vote for the change driven by record and experience, not for the "change" driven by an empty slogan and bumper sticker.

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UFO documents declassified

By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

The UK government just declassified files about an incident 51 years ago that said two U.S. fighter jets were scrambled from an English air base to shoot down a UFO. On May 20, 1957, the two pilots were sent to intercept and attack an "unusual bogey" sighted on the radars at Royal Air Force Station Manston, an airfield located on the southeastern tip of London.

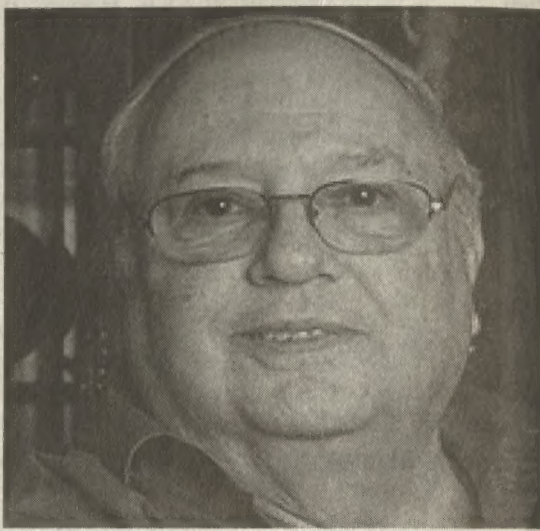
Milton Torres was one of the pilots and he said that he was only seconds away from firing 24 rockets at the object, which moved erratically and gave a radar reading that he said was "like a flying aircraft carrier." Torres said "The blip was burning a hole in the radar with its incredible intensity. I had a lock-on that had the proportions of a flying aircraft carrier. The larger the airplane, the easier the lock-on. This blip almost locked itself!"

In addition, he said that on that night, he received the order to open fire before even taking off, which is something that had never happened before.

The now 77-year-old pilot, who lives in Miami, said that the unidentified flying object stayed motionless in the sky at times, before quickly accelerating to 7,600 mph and disappearing, thus ending the chase and he returned to base.

The next day he was briefed by an unnamed man who "looked like a well-dressed IBM salesman" and said that he would charge Torres with a national security breach if he mentioned a word to anyone about it, even his commander. Neither the British or U.S. military said that they have any record of the incident in the files and the second pilot also painted a different picture, not mentioning the object's size and also saying he didn't remember being contacted by anyone to stay quiet.

While some may jump to conclusions and say that this is irrefutable evidence for the existence of extraterrestrial life, UFO expert David Clarke offers another explanation. He said that this might have been part of a secret U.S. military project to create phantom aircraft on radars in order to test Soviet air defenses, as this was done in the 50s, when tensions with the Russians were at a high level. While no one seems to know what it was that Torres saw and it could have easily been a glitch from poor technology, the large unknown factor remains as prevalent as ever.



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In 1957, now 77-year-old ex-British pilot Milton Torres was ordered to shoot down an "usual bogey."

Letters to the Editor

In response to Disgruntled Honors Student

Dear Editor,

Thanks to "Disgruntled Honor Student" for their personal perspective on Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach. With that said, I think it is only fair to give readers MY personal insight on our president.

I can appreciate disagreeing with the views and actions of any individual, including the views and actions of Dr. Dudley-Eshbach. However, it is clear to me that the author of last week's letter to the editor does not understand the concept of constructive criticism, or respect. Dr. Janet is a human like you and I; she makes mistakes and learns from them. Unlike most of us, however, she has dedicated much of her life to higher education, including eight years at Salisbury University. For this reason alone, Dr. Janet deserves much more than to be the focus of a relatively unimportant complaint letter.

It's hard NOT to respect a president who continuously travels across the Bay Bridge to fight tirelessly on behalf of her student body (four-year tuition freeze? She was a part of it). It's hard NOT to respect a President who is so highly regarded in Annapolis, she was invited to speak on the floor of the House of Delegates this past SU Day at the legislature.

Concerns of a Republican Muslim
Dear Editor,
I have been increasingly concerned that there is an underlying current in the McCain campaign that if you are a Muslim or have any links to Muslims then you are somehow anti-American or a terrorist.

I am a Republican who loves her country and my faith in Islam. I am proud to be a Shia Muslim. I am proud to be an American. I love baseball and apple pie and proudly stand and say the pledge of allegiance with my right hand on my heart. Please do not associate all

muslims with the heinous crimes that Al-Qaeda and the terrorists have perpetrated against humanity. These people are crazies who hide behind the skirts of religion to legitimize their hateful messages. They do not represent Muslims or the religion of Islam.

My fellow Americans, we have a clear choice. We can continue on the path of fear, ignorance and suspicion or we can change course and embrace a bright future for our country through strength, wisdom and a steady hand.

Peace,
Schmina Chopra
Salisbury, MD

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Six Bands: One shot to rock



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Wozzeck's mandolin master Nathan Anderson, a senior music major, jams at Friday's SGA-sponsored Battle of the Bands.

By Robert Cogdell III
Staff Writer

Six diverse bands duked it out last Friday at the SGA-sponsored Battle of the Bands competition. The bands rocked and jammed out in the Wicomico Room, wooing the audience with hits by Pink Floyd, Lamb of God and many original compositions.

Even Julia Glanz, SGA Vice President of University Affairs and Battle of the Bands coordinator, was surprised at the turnout of 100 plus audience members, which included SU students, faculty, staff, parents and friends. Even stragglers and passersby stopped to enjoy the thumping bass and heavy riffs. Most of the audience stood and were interactive with the bands and very supportive. Although there were no moab-pits or stage dives, the audience showed their enthusiasm with clapping, dancing and head thrashing.

bands like Metallica and Pantera. They weren't the only sibling band, as Unprecedented included brothers Mike and Chris Palmer on lead vocals, guitar and back-up vocals. Their new drummer, Joe Wilson, proved to be a helpful addition to the band as they jumped around with their cheery Blink 182-like spirit.

3G concluded the show. Named after their guitarist Bryant Dean's iPhone 3G, the band's name gave no clue to the seven members in the band.

Three judges, with backgrounds in music, business and communication arts, judged the bands on five components: crowd involvement, stage presence, musical skill, complexity and sound. Although more people came in as the night went on, the judges did not hold this against the earlier bands that performed.

"The room was smaller and the sound was different; the acoustics

were kind of weird," said Christy Jones, an SU junior who came out to see Naked Brunch and Butterfly Chuck. However, she still enjoyed the show and said all the bands performed well.

Each band had roughly 30 minutes to play, not including set up time and cleanup, and although the show ran well past the 6 o'clock curfew, many people stuck around anxious to hear the winner.

It was 3G who won the show, busting out oldies like "Play That Funky Music White Boy" and "Hey Joe." Unprecedented and Pressing Strings placed a close second and third.

3G will be the opening band for the spring concert and won two hours of studio recording time at the TETC audio studio. The other bands that participated didn't leave empty handed either, as they each received one hour of recording time.

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"My ex dumped me for a skinnier girl and ever since I've been working out like a crazy woman. My plan is to run into him looking better than ever and make him beg for me back. Do you think it will work?"

It sounds like you're going to great lengths to reinvent yourself, which is great if you're doing it for the right reasons, meaning for yourself rather than as part of a revenge scenario. You have to realize he probably didn't dump you because of your weight. He dumped you because he wanted to date someone else. Now, if he used your weight as an issue when he broke up with you, then he's a jerk and not worth worrying about anyways and he deserves someone as shallow as he is (which we both know is not you).

However if you are the one who decided your weight was the reason he left you, that's another story. Weight may be the easiest thing to blame for your heartbreak but the truth

is, he's not the right guy for you. You may have lost twenty pounds and changed your looks but you're still the same hurt and angry person on the inside that you were before you changed your physical appearance. Whatever the situation is, let it go and start transforming your insides to match your outside. Work on building up your self confidence. You're the whole package at any shape and size and anyone who makes you feel differently is a jerk.

"I know my ex boyfriend is not going to find anyone better than me, he even told me. If he knows this why won't he date me again? We've been broken up for six weeks and it's driving me crazy!"

He's moving on and so should you. While it may be true that he won't find someone better than you, he's looking and so should you. We do that sometimes. Statements like "I still think you're great but I want out of this," really mean "I still think you're great but I want out of this so please don't cry." He wanted to avoid hurting your feelings and still be a decent guy in the process of dumping you. Start your search for a new guy and before you know it the ex will be old news.

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The Ghost of Relationships Past

By Shane Hill
Staff Writer

Sometimes in life, our past comes back to haunt us as mine did when the universe intentionally dug up deceased ex-boyfriends from my graveyard of past relationships. This past week I got unexpected texts from guys of relationships past, each like ghosts in that they were altogether frightening and vanished from my life.

It is at times like these that I wish the Ghost Busters actually existed because in the undead land of the ex's, there are no friendly ghosts. But even ghosts have purposes and I was determined to get to the core. One

wanted to be "special friends" and the other was single after breaking up with the guy he left me for. After this, I felt I had a bone to pick.

With ghosts stories there's usually some kind of fulfillment the ghost needs in order to move on. With that I question, "What's the motivation behind people's intentions, and is there anyway to know before it's too late?"

My old friend Tiffany was on the verge of resurrecting an otherwise dead relationship. Her ex, Ryan, killed it for them, having cheated six times. He later was stationed overseas and began calling her. The sad part was she had to wait for his every call. And

when he called, it obviously meant he wanted to talk to her.

Chelsea was over him but found it hard to decide what the potential harm would be in talking to him. The other day as she sat down in the doctor's office, she recognized a familiar cologne on the guy next to her that Ryan always wore, Cool Water. She was flooded with memories of hugging him and being buried in his chest.

Something so simple, yet so strong as a scent had dug up all the good times so easily and although the lies and complete betrayal still haunted her, she couldn't help but wonder if she did miss him.

Another one of my friends, Nick, was all too excited when the ex-love of his life admitted his love a few months too late. He'd already moved on, his ex hadn't. Even in the dark his motives were transparent; he figured that if Nick could be happy without him, he'd have to have Nick for himself. Sometimes we're so eager to dig up past relationships that we never see the apparent danger and we let our undead relationships walk with the living.

The truth is, to avoid living in the past and missing hidden agendas, don't bring past relationships to life. You'll find that when you leave the past dead, there's more time to live in the now.

Comedian Lee Camp sees the glass as half full

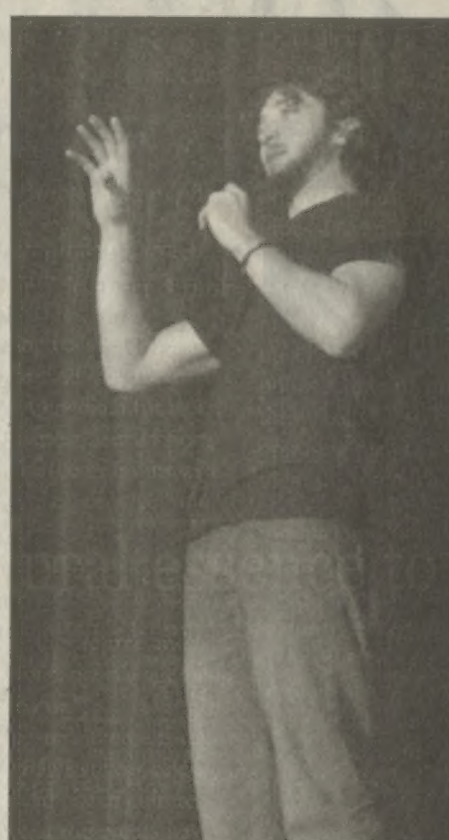
By Breanna Nunez
Staff Writer

"If you yell 'Red Rover!' while in public, you can run straight into anyone you want."

Lee Camp entertained students with many amusing jokes during his stand-up act on Oct. 22. Camp is a political comedian that is known for his unique style and hilarious sarcasm all over the United States. He has visited around 350 colleges in the last five years, encouraging students to begin thinking about important issues while making them laugh at the same time.

Camp grew up in Virginia and attended UVA before he moved to New York at age 22 and got heavily involved in the comedy field. He has made appearances on shows like MTV's "Walk of Shame," Fox's "Red Eye," and Animal Planet's "The A List." He has also been featured in films such as "Dealbreaker," "Saffron Park," and "Road Dog."

Camp has developed his own distinct style of stand-up, which is a great accomplishment for such a young comedian. Whether he was talking about celebrities and their recurring rehab visits, the death penalty or the upcoming election, there was always uncontrollable laughter coming from every corner of the room.



April Katsirbus photo

Political Comedian Lee Camp

"I made sure I was sitting right in the front row...and he didn't disappoint," said freshman Asena Terry. The show lasted about an hour and a half and each audience member left with a smile on their face, despite the less than full house.

"I didn't know what to expect because I hadn't heard of him before, but he was hilarious," said freshman Bianca Makle after the show.

Camp has been referred to as a comedic activist by many because of his technique of using sarcasm during his act to discuss the issues and, in return, getting the audience thinking critically while having fun. Camp entertained not only his audience but himself as well with his favorite joke, "When milk goes bad, it becomes a cereal killer."

Camp's most well received topic dealt with the upcoming election, where he seemingly sided with the Obama campaign. In response to the McCain campaign stating that the United States just isn't ready for Obama, Camp remarked, "Well when has the country ever stood up and said whether or not it was ready for anything. I'm not so sure we were ready for the return of Flava Flav but hey I think we're doing alright!"

Camp's political topics and sarcasm define his distinct mode of stand-up best, as does his closing line: "I'm a cynical optimist—I see the glass half full of shit."

Club Spotlight

Quidditch Club brings Harry Potter to life



Brett Morgan photo

Co-founder of the SU Quidditch Club Dana Alsop attacks James Townsend with a bludger. The teams practices on Fridays at 5 p.m.

By Amanda Durski
Staff Writer

Harry Potter fans across campus are sure to recognize the six hoops,

brooms and flying balls of the new group that has arrived at Salisbury University—the Quidditch Club.

Quidditch is a sport derived from the famous Harry Potter books writ-

ten by J.K. Rowling and it can also be seen in action in the Harry Potter movies. It was brought to college campuses by Middlebury College and now over 100 schools across the nation are a part of the Intercollegiate Quidditch League, who all follow the same set of guidelines.

"There is actually a 39 page rulebook for the game but the rules are similar to the books," said Dana Alsop, cofounder of the Salisbury Quidditch Club.

Basically, there are seven to ten players on each team. Though unable to fly, brooms are required. They are held between the legs and one hand must be on them at all times. Players called chasers pass the ball to each other as they make their way down the field to score in one of three hoops (each looks like a hula hoop on a stick) to score points. Other members of the team throw balls called bludgers at the opposing players to try to distract them from scoring.

In the books, there is a tiny, flying golden ball called a snitch which, when caught, ends the game and awards the team that caught it a lot of points. For college Quidditch, the snitch is actually a person dressed in gold that runs around the campus. The goal of the seekers, or the players whose job it is to catch the snitch, is to pull a hanging sock off the running human snitch when he/she comes onto the playing field.

As for Salisbury University's Quidditch group, it is not yet an official club. "Right now we are just trying to develop interest but we hope to be a club next semester and have an actual game," Alsop said.

The group practices on Fridays at 5 p.m. in the Quad and all are welcome to play or just watch. Practices are a great way to exercise, meet new people, and enjoy Harry Potter in a new way.

"Don't be embarrassed to come out and play," Alsop said. "It truly is a lot of fun. Just look for the people on brooms."

Salgado brings cultural essence to the SU Community

By Laura Bounds
Staff Writer

For ten years June Krell-Salgado has brought culture to the Salisbury University campus. As Director of Cultural Affairs, Salgado promotes events to further the education and life experiences of SU students.

Salgado moved to Salisbury with her husband, a UMES professor. Since her arrival at SU, she has provided valuable experience and dedication to her position, while maintaining admiration for the University. "I think this is a wonderful school with phenomenal, gifted faculty and polite, kind students," Salgado said. "I'm proud to work here, it's been a pleasure."

As a member of the Cultural Events Council, her work at the University consists of facilitating programs and cultural events for the campus community. Working with the different faculty, departments and students, she helps organize and plan programs to enhance the cultural environment of the college. "The Cultural Events Council works together to put on these events," Salgado said. "They benefit the school and com-

munity because they're free and open to the public; people age two to 102 are welcome."

This fall semester's theme is the Renaissance, while last year celebrated African American culture. So far the turnout for events has been successful, including special interest received from the movie "Empires: The Medici Godfathers of the Renaissance: The Magnificent Medici." Also formed by Salgado was the bus trip to the Maryland Renaissance Festival in October that provided a kickoff, and taste of medieval life, to this semester's cultural theme.

Coming up on Nov. 15 is a trip Salgado is especially excited about. A bus trip to the Palitz Gallery in NYC will provide students the opportunity to view Renaissance master Michelangelo Buonarroti's artwork. Students will be given a private two hour viewing of the exhibition that includes more than a dozen original drawings and writings by Michelangelo, many which have never been seen in the United States.

One of Salgado's most memorable moments on campus was the arrival of Tibetan monks. "I



Telecia Taylor photo

Director of Cultural Affairs June Krell-Salgado

would love to see them come back again; it was one of the most rewarding experiences," Salgado said. "Definitely an experience of a lifetime."

Salgado also helps students become exposed to culture through the implementation of the Cultural Laureate Program. Designed to encourage attendance at cultural

events, students who have less than 90 credits can attend, become a cultural laureate and at graduation, receive an honor cord. All students have to do is have their SU Gull Card scanned at five events to receive credit. "It's all a matter of exposure," Salgado said, "and expanding your cultural experiences at Salisbury University."

Weekly Greek News

ZTA Thinks Pink

By Andrew Kirkendall
Staff Writer

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha have been doing their part to further the cause and raise awareness of the disease, its survivors, and the people who are impacted by it. Most people know at least one person who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. In 2007, breast cancer made up more than one in four cases of cancer diag-

nosed among women. In 2004, it was assumed by the National Cancer Institute that 2.4 million survivors were alive in the U.S. In terms of lives taken in women, breast cancer is second only to lung cancer.

The ZTA ladies gave out pink ribbons in the Commons with the slogan "Think Pink" printed on them for people to wear in order to show their support for breast cancer awareness. "Think Pink" is Zeta Tau Alpha's national slogan,

which covers all of their breast cancer awareness and education programs. In addition to handing out ribbons at the various schools with ZTA chapters, the national ZTA sisters hand out ribbons at professional sporting events throughout the country.

On Monday, ZTA hosted their annual Mr. Zeta pageant, a male beauty contest where all proceeds raised go to breast cancer awareness and education. The competition is essentially the Salisbury

University equivalent to the Miss USA pageant with five separate portions that make up the contest; best pick up line, talent, evening wear, swimsuit and question and answer session. The contestant with the highest combined score at the end of the night is crowned Mr. Zeta and is then given prizes and bestowed special privileges throughout the year.

Zeta Tau Alpha has nationally joined Yoplait in its "Save Lids to

Save Lives Campaign." The program has people send in the pink lids off of Yoplait yogurt containers. For every lid which Yoplait receives, they will donate ten cents to Susan G. Komen for the Cure - up to \$1.5 million and guaranteeing a minimum \$500,000 donation. The last day for Yoplait to receive the lids is December 31. The lids can be sent in an independent effort or there is a box in the entry way to the Commons in which the pink

lids can be deposited. For more information on the Save Lids to Save Lives Program, please visit <http://yoplait.com/sls/Default.spx>.

Breast Cancer Awareness month is not the only time in which the ZTA sisters do work for their national philanthropy. They continue to do work that benefit breast cancer awareness and education throughout the year.

Newest Facebook feature unites campus buddies

By Ashlee Laughlin
Staff Writer

Facebook just introduced a brand new feature called CampusBuddy, created by Michael Mordman. This application is a way for professors to post all their grades for courses here at Salisbury. This application is a competitor to alternative Web sites, such as RateMyProfessors.com. From the looks of things, there are about 14,000 monthly active users and 811 fans in the Facebook community that are associated with the new application.

CampusBuddy is an innovative way to connect students to essential information regarding their college courses. According to the features page on Facebook.com, over 80 million grades from hundreds of universities are recorded and can be analyzed by several networks.

Not only does CampusBuddy offer the capability of viewing grades and information about several courses but it also provides a social outlet between students to provoke conversation. Students are able to add courses to CampusBuddy and connect with classmates in their classes and departments. According to the Web site,

"Campus and Department pages make interaction with your schoolmates easy, from a broader perspective."

This feature includes comprehensive ratings and reviews of the professors and departments, as well as the school in general. The "File Cabinet" is where you can see files and notes uploaded for each class by other students. Campus Answer and Discussion Boards are two functions that give students the chance to ask and answer questions, as well as engage in dialogue about various courses.

CampusBuddy is looked at as one of the most useful applications introduced to the Facebook community, said Salisbury student Shakina Collins, after browsing the feature online. "I think that this application is convenient for SU students because so many of us use Facebook on a daily basis," she Collins.

CampusBuddy has given Facebook an academic credibility with the addition of this new database. Free-of-charge, college students can do what is necessary to check grading records, rate their professors and communicate through the social utilities located through the application.



Internet photo

Sophomore Deziree Hitchens; shown here in San Jose, Costa Rica; won the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for study abroad.

By Casey Wachter
Staff Writer

A Salisbury University sophomore was awarded a prestigious

international scholarship this fall. Deziree Hitchens, a Spanish education major, received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for

SU's Hitchens receives prestigious scholarship

study abroad.

Hitchens is currently studying at the Latin American University of Science and Technology in San Jose, Costa Rica. She will be spending two semesters there. While getting experience with the Spanish language, Hitchens will also get to join and experience their culture.

"It has already been a life changing experience. I am so blessed to be here. Each day I wake up it seems unreal that I am here and I am thankful to have the Gilman Scholarship to help me with the financial part," Hitchens said.

The Gilman Scholarship is offered twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. In order to receive this scholarship, students must meet certain criteria. The student must be studying abroad for more than four weeks and must complete a "follow-on project."

Hitchens plans to work with the Spanish club at Salisbury University and to volunteer at local high schools near her home in Delaware for her post project.

Dr. Brian Stiegler, the director of the Salisbury University Center for International Education, introduced Hitchens to the scholarship. The Gilman Scholarship is offered to all students who are currently receiving a Pell Grant.

"This is the second student to receive the Gilman Scholarship in two years, but Salisbury has the potential of receiving five or six a year. Students just need to be more informed," Stiegler said.

About two thousand people a year are awarded the scholarship. It is a very competitive and prestigious scholarship and provides substantial financial help in the study abroad programs.

"It feels wonderful to have won this scholarship. This is the first scholarship I have received and it gives me motivation to apply for more," Hitchens said.

The Gilman Scholarship will be offered again in the spring semester. "We are thrilled with the success of our Salisbury University students and only hope to continue success and receive five to six scholarships a year," Stiegler said.

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Womens soccer climbs to the top



Colleen Galligan attacks the goal at Wednesday's game against St. Mary's College.

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

After surviving the wind and rain, the women's soccer team (8-4-4, CAC 6-0-2) beat St.

Mary's College in overtime 1-0 Saturday afternoon, propelling them into the Capital Athletic Conference playoffs. Fans came out with painted chests, despite the weather, to cheer the Sea Gulls into first place.

Sarah Jacobs photo

Christina Eury and Corrin Marrazzo.

Starting for the Sea Gulls were seniors Goodson, Pizzillo, Marshall, Passucci, Salter and juniors Galligan, Grove and

Samantha Asch along with sophomore Brianna Barber and freshmen Sarah Jessilonis and Kira Mangone.

In the first half of the game, Salisbury had the wind on their side and took control, making numerous attempts at goal. The defense held strong allowing for few shots on goal. Salisbury came out strong with their first shot on goal just three minutes into the game. The game quickly turned physical as the Gulls and Seahawks battled back and fourth in the strong winds. The first half ended scoreless.

The Sea Gulls came out of the huddle fighting against the wind, with goalie Goodson staying strong in goal. St. Mary's began the second half just as strong as the Sea Gulls took control of the ball with the wind's help. With 20 minutes left in the game, the rain became another factor. The Sea Gulls had multiple shots and opportunities at the opposing

goal, but remained scoreless at the end of the regulation game.

"The wind was definitely a factor. With the help of the wind we had many opportunities in the first half, but even going against the wind in the second half we were able to make our own opportunities," said head coach Jim Nestor.

With a scoreless game in regulation, the Sea Gulls began overtime with only 30 seconds to score. Eury scored her second goal of the season after receiving a pass from Passucci. Galligan, Grove and Salter were key players alongside of Goodson for the Sea Gull defense while Asch, Eury and Passucci added to the Salisbury offense.

The Sea Gulls will now be heading to the CAC tournament. The team will have a first round bye and will play their first semi-final game on Nov. 4.

Student Athlete Spotlight

Sarah Jessilonis



By Wayne Turner
Staff Writer

Freshman Sarah Jessilonis is from Pasadena, Md. This year she plays forward for the girls' soccer team at SU. She played soccer at Chesapeake High School, and has been playing soccer since she was four. Sarah was a four-year varsity soccer player at CHS. As a sophomore, junior and senior Jessilonis received All-Anne Arundel County honors as well as second-team all-state as a senior.

In the classroom, she was an honor roll student working just as hard in her classes as she was on the playing field. In addition to soccer, she has been playing soccer since she was four. Sarah was a four-year varsity soccer player at CHS. As a sophomore, junior and senior Jessilonis received All-Anne Arundel County honors as well as second-team all-state as a senior.

In addition to her excitement to try out for the SU soccer team, Jessilonis came to Salisbury because of the outstanding exercise science program. She is very pleased to be part of the team this year. Along with doing well, she cannot wait to finish off the season and prepare for the playoffs.

Jessilonis is having a terrific freshman year, leading the team in goals with six. She received Capital Athletic Conference player of the week the same week she scored her first college goal.

What are your goals after you graduate from Salisbury? I plan on becoming a physical or occupational therapist when I graduate.

Who is your favorite music artist? I listen to anything but my favorite music artist is probably Taylor Swift.

What is your favorite T.V. Show? My favorite T.V. show is The Hills.

What has been your most exciting experience at SU? My most exciting moment so far at SU was beating York College in double-overtime 1-0.

What is your favorite food? Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough ice cream from Maggie Moos and Dairy Queen.

Who are your biggest motivators? My motivators are my parents. They also pushed me to do well in school and soccer and helped me with so much throughout the years.

What were your adjustments from high school to college? The biggest adjustment from high school to college is living away from home and my parents along with dealing with the amount of time I have to spend on school work. It's a lot different from high school but I love it.

What are your hobbies other than soccer? Other than soccer I love to hang out with my friends and family. I love summer and love spending time on the beach and on the water.

Pro Hockey is unfairly overlooked



Alexander Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals looks to lead his team back to the playoffs for the second straight year.

By Chris Brown
Staff Writer

On Friday night ESPN's coverage of the NBA began and as the show opened, analyst Jalen Rose remarked, "What a great time to be a sports fan. The World Series is going on, football season is underway, and NASCAR is in full

swing."

However, there was one glaring omission in this statement. Rose failed to mention that hockey had started, and by the 2008 NHL season it appears that a great time to be a sports fan. The World Series is going on, football season is underway, and NASCAR is in full

swing."

The NHL season officially began on Oct. 4 when the New York

Rangers and the Tampa Bay Lightning faced off in Prague, and the Pittsburgh Penguins and Ottawa Senators met in Stockholm. On Oct. 9, the league's 26 other teams began action in North America. So far, the Rangers hold the best record in the league thanks in large part to a five game winning streak to open the season, but both the Buffalo Sabres and Montreal Canadiens have yet to lose a contest. Montreal is celebrating its 100th year as a franchise, and appears dead set on avenging last year's disappointing finish where the top-seeded Sabres were upset by the Philadelphia Flyers in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

On the home front, the Washington Capitals are looking to improve upon last year's campaign which included the team's first playoff appearance since 2003. The Capitals are currently 3-3-1 which is a marked improvement from a year before when Washington had the worst record in the league. "We're pretty good, and we're on the right track to getting really good," said Head Coach Bruce Boudreau. "The players finally believe that they're capable of

being a very good team when they put their minds to it," he added. While left wing Alexander Ovechkin is off to a slow start with only two goals through seven games, the Capitals have been receiving support from other players. Left wing Alexander Semin is tied for second in the league in scoring with 11 points, and veteran center Sergei Fedorov is currently sporting a plus/minus of seven, which means that when he is on the ice Washington is scoring. Last May Ovechkin, Semin and Fedorov won the World Championship for Russia, and now the trio is striving for a bigger prize. "I want to win everything, so next year...the Stanley Cup," Ovechkin said over the summer.

On Saturday Oct. 25, all 30 teams played on the same day in what was hailed as "Super Saturday." The last time all the teams played on the same day was back in 2005 when the league returned from a lockout that cancelled the 2004-2005 season. That night featured seven one-goal games, one shootout, and one shutout, and expectations are high for another thrilling night of hockey this time around in 2008.

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Volleyball

The No. 22 SU volleyball team (32-1, CAC 7-0) won its sixth tournament championship over the weekend by defeating St. Mary's, Neumann, Marietta and Gwynedd-Mercy.

On Friday, SU dished home court advantage for the CAC tournament after beating St. Mary's 3-1. Junior outside hitter Rachel Downes led the offense with a team high of 13 kills. Senior Stacey Krebs and junior Nicole Massarelli also contributed with 11 and 9 kills. SU then went on to defeat Neumann 3-1 after dropping the first set. Senior setter

Jaime Marzocchi recorded a match-high 42 assists and junior Gabby Long, named to the all-tournament team, led the defense with 22 digs.

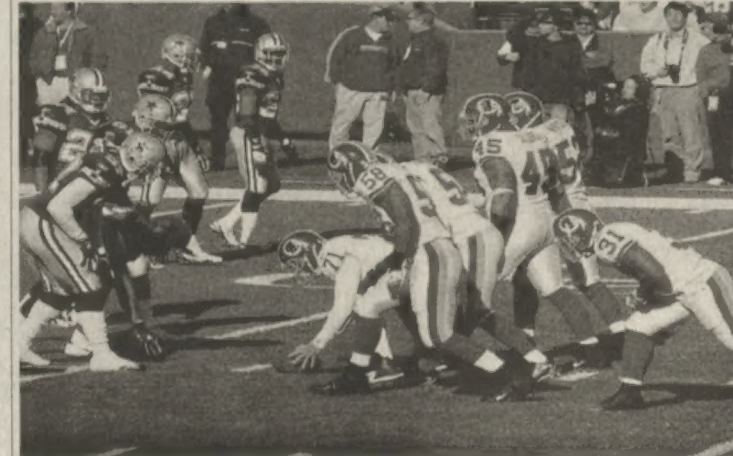
On day two, SU defeated Marietta and Gwynedd-Mercy in three sets apiece. Downes recorded her third straight double-double in the first match and led the team with 13 kills. SU finishes their regular season on Wednesday at Gallaudet University.

Football

The No. 16 SU football team (7-1) earned its first shut out of the season by defeating Becker College 63-0 on

Saturday. The offense was led by senior quarterback Ronnie Cudley who ran for two touchdowns and completed a touchdown pass. Senior superback Shelby Fisher rushed for a career high 186 yards including a touchdown in the second quarter. Sophomore superback Nick Coates ran for 128 yards on 12 carries including an 11-yard touchdown. The Gulls' defense was led by senior defensive end Paul Cynewski who had two sacks and four tackles on the day. SU hosts ACFC opponent Wesley College on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Sea Gull Stadium.

First half of NFL season excites fans



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The Cowboys and the Redskins provide NFL fans with one of sports' best rivalries.

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

The 2008 NFL season is nearly halfway over and so far things around the league are a bit shaken up. The New England Patriots, who finished last season at a historic 16-0, have lost quarterback Tom Brady and possibly safety Rodney Harrison to injury. However, despite the adversity the Patriots have struggled to a surprising 4-2 under quarterback Matt Cassel.

Meanwhile, the Super Bowl champions, the New York Giants, are a solid 5-1 atop the NFC East. The

Dallas Cowboys, a preseason favorite to win the Super Bowl by many, have endured several key injuries including a pinkie injury to starting quarterback Tony Romo and have since fallen to an abysmal 4-3 record and third place in the NFC East.

The Baltimore Ravens have bounced their way to a 3-3 season after dropping close games to the Pittsburgh Steelers and Tennessee Titans. The Ravens got their revenge against the Miami Dolphins. The Dolphins finished the 2007 season 1-15 and beat the Ravens for their only win.

The Washington Redskins on the

other hand have had the fairytale season they've been hoping for after a disappointing loss to the Giants in week one. The Redskins have won five out of the last six games. The Redskins are awaiting a tough Monday night battle against the Pittsburgh Steelers during week nine.

Another surprise, the Buffalo Bills (5-1) look strong in the AFC East as the No. 1 team above both the Patriots and the New York Jets (3-3). The Jets have turned to Brett Favre to guide them back to the postseason. Favre's replacement in Green Bay, Aaron Rodgers, has eased the transition for Packer fans. The Packers are tied for first place in the NFC North.

The Arizona Cardinals sit 4-2 in the NFC West. The Cardinals are doing well after last year's disappointing season. The Cardinals have beaten the Dallas Cowboys and the Buffalo Bills. The Indianapolis Colts haven't gotten off to the fast start that the Cardinals have. The Colts, a perennial power, are 3-3.

To say the least, the NFL looks to be evening out with no one team showing complete dominance and even less showing any sort of consistency. In the end, it appears to be the recipe for a very interesting second half of the season.

Ravens President Dick Cass speaks at Salisbury

By Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

Change is a prominent theme this election year, and while Richard "Dick" Cass isn't running for office, his organization is featuring several prominent new faces during the 2008-09 campaign. Cass, the President of the Baltimore Ravens, touched on those changes along with many other issues facing his franchise during a lecture for SU students, faculty and community members, entitled, "An Insider's View of the NFL." Cass, the featured speaker in this semester's Perdue Executive Leadership Series, sponsored by Salisbury's Franklin P. Perdue School of Business, has served as President of the Ravens since 2004 after helping SU alum Steve Bisciotti buy the team.

Before joining the Ravens, Cass was a partner at the D.C. based law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering where he conducted business for many NFL teams including the Dallas Cowboys and Washington

Redskins. Under Cass, the Ravens have been recognized by Forbes Magazine as the second fastest growing brand in the NFL, and are ranked ninth in the NFL in total revenue.

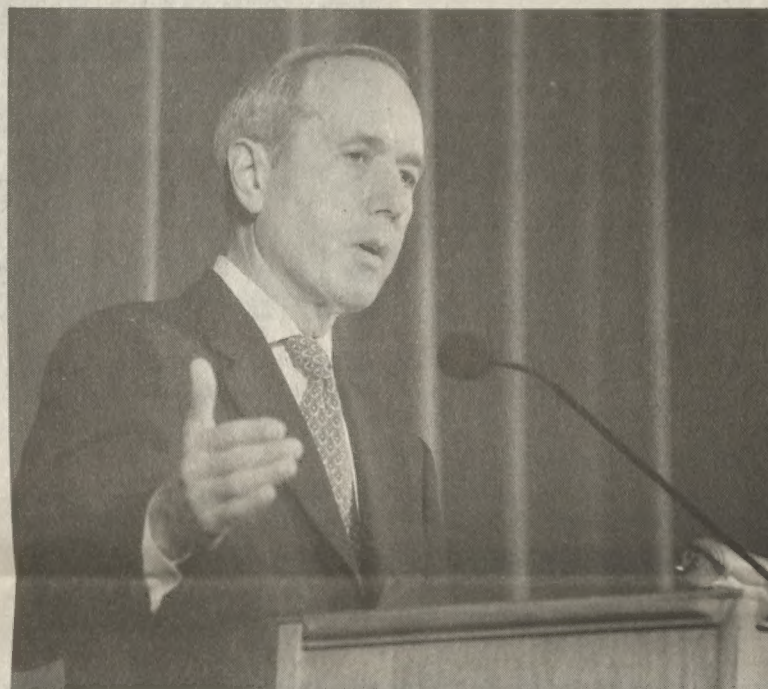
"The difference when you're an outside lawyer is you're not really involved in day to day stuff," Cass said. "You miss some of the passion and emotion that surrounds the team. When you're on the inside, you experience that passion and emotion everyday with the coaches, the players and everyone in the organization. You hear first hand from the fans both when they're happy and when they're sad or angry. Usually we hear from them when they're angry."

Cass said that he always reads fans' e-mails on the Mondays following games and it reminds him of how passionate people care about how his team performs. "The hardest part is when you lose," Cass said. "Trying to keep everyone focused on putting their one foot in front of the next and keep going. Don't get down, but keep going. It's hard in the course of

a year when you lose a couple of games to keep focused on the positives."

After finishing the 2006 season 13-3, the Ravens had high hopes for 2007; however fortune had a different fate for Baltimore as they finished a disappointing 5-11. The Ravens would go on to replace head coach Brian Billick with Jon Harbaugh and draft what they hope to be a franchise quarterback in Joe Flacco. While Flacco wasn't expected to start right away, injuries forced the former Blue Hen into the spotlight. Flacco has performed with mixed results as his team is 4-3, but has earned the respect of teammates and coaches alike earning the right to start for the remainder of the season.

"When we drafted him we saw the possibility of him being a starting quarterback," Cass said. "But then when we had the injuries he became the starting quarterback by default. We are very pleased with his progress and I know the coaches and scouts really think he's done a great job." "He shows a lot of poise and he is



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Ravens President Dick Cass shares his insider's perspective of the NFL and his team at last Tuesday's lecture in Holloway Hall.

showing real leadership. He's got a long way to go, he's still a rookie but he's learning. He's getting better every week. Actually Cam Cameron, our offensive coordinator, says he is getting better every practice."

Field Hockey finishes strong Gulls end season with 6-0 conference record

By Edward Baidoo
Staff Writer

On Saturday, the tenth-ranked Sea Gulls completed their conference schedule with a 4-1 victory over the University of Mary Washington, finishing with an unblemished conference record of 6-0. This victory, their second in a row, also improves their overall record to a mark of 12-3.

The win over Mary Washington comes on the heels of the Gulls going on the road to Stevenson University and getting a 3-1 victory on Wednesday. Junior forward

Lauren Correll played a major role in the victory, as she scored all three goals for SU, two within the first eight minutes of the game. Stevenson struggled to score, only getting one shot on goal, which Kathryn Manochew was able to get by sophomore goalie Anna Cooke, while SU was able to get nineteen shots on goal and eventually prevail to the two goal victory.

The victory over the Mary Washington Eagles was huge because it solidified the top spot in the upcoming conference tournament, which starts Nov. 2. The game did not start well for the

Gulls, as they were already facing a one goal deficit four minutes into the game because of an Eagles goal by Sarah Pierceon. After the slow start, SU eventually responded when freshman Tara McGovern scored about ten minutes later. Caitlin Walker, Michelle Rowe and Beverly Beladino later scored goals for the Gulls. Head coach Dawn Chamberlain saw the team get more in the flow of the game as it went on. "We played well in the second half. We came out a little flat in the beginning, but picked it up in the second half," Chamberlain said.

The Gulls needed to win their last two games to secure the top spot in the upcoming CAC Tournament set to start next weekend and took care of business. "They were big wins. We wanted to maintain home field in the tournament and get first place outright with the win and we did," Chamberlain said about the importance to the team to get those wins.

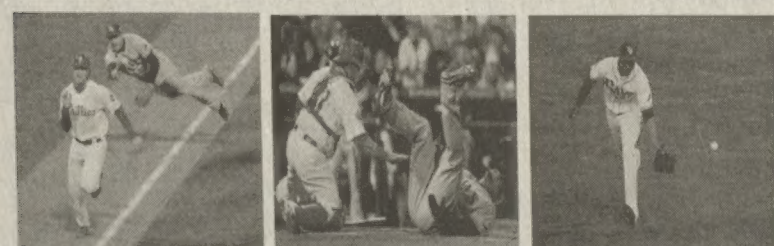
After their regular season finale on Wednesday, the Gulls will be ready to enter the 2008 Capital Athletic Conference Tournament with the momentum they picked up after their last two victories since their crushing overtime loss on homecoming to second ranked TCNJ. Coach Chamberlain is happy about their victories, but still sees room for improvement. "It's very encouraging how their play has been. They are playing well, but have to play better in the tournament," Chamberlain said.

The Gulls will finish their regular season on Wednesday at 6 p.m. when they play Catholic University.



Dan McFarland photo

Kandice Hancock holds possession of the ball against University of Mary Washington's Eagles during Saturday's game.



Fall Classic underway

By Therrian Dennis
Staff Writer

The 2008 Major League Baseball World Series officially began last Wednesday evening as the Tampa Bay Rays hosted the Philadelphia Phillies under the domed confines of Tropicana Field, in St. Petersburg, FL. In a game one that featured good pitching and defense from both teams, the Phillies edged the Rays in a 3-2 victory. The difference in the contest came early in the top of the first inning as Phillies second baseman, left-hitting slugger Chase Utley rocketed a two-run homer over the right field wall, off of Rays ace Scott Kazmir. From then on, a combined 29 runners from both teams were left on base, including a bases-loaded foul ball outing by Rays center-fielder BJ Upton, as both teams struggled to gain a lead.

The Rays however, got their revenge as they tied the Series 1-1 with a 4-2 victory over the Phillies the following night in St. Petersburg. In a game similar to game one, the Rays drew first blood in the first inning scoring two runs from groundouts by Rays first baseman Carlos Pena and third baseman, rookie sensation Evan Longoria. Rays starter James Shields pitched a solid five and two-thirds innings, before being pulled out after leaving two

runners on in the 6th inning. The Rays made their first ever appearance in the Fall Classic, along with their first ever postseason appearance. During the regular season, the American League Champions finished with a 97-65 record, with the second-best pitching staff in the league, ranking second in nearly every statistical pitching category. They did not face the Phillies during the regular season, but finished 5-1 against the other NL East ball clubs.

The Phillies made their sixth appearance in the Fall Classic. Their last trip to the Series was in the 1993 season, a memorable seven-game series against the Toronto Blue Jays. During the regular season, the National League Champions finished the year with a 92-70 record, with the most explosive offense in the league, their 212 homers and 791 runs scored was 1st and 3rd in the league, and they had a bullpen that led the NL in bullpen era with an average 3.22 runs given up. They did not face the Rays during the regular season, but finished 2-4 against the other AL East ball clubs.

The Series continued this past weekend as both teams traveled to Citizens Bank Park, in the City of Brotherly love, as the Phillies hosted the Rays.

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Swimming vs. Rowan @ 6 p.m.	Field Hockey vs Catholic @6 p.m. Volleyball @ Gallaudet 7 p.m.			Women's Soccer CAC Tournament- Quarterfinals Cross Country @ CAC Championship 11 a.m. Football vs. Wesley @ 1 p.m. Swimming vs. Mary Washington @ 1 p.m. Swimming vs. Gallaudet @ 1 p.m.	Field Hockey CAC Quarterfinals Men's Soccer CAC Tournament- Quarterfinals	

Senior Day bodes well for soccer



Brett Morgan photo

Sea Gulls defeat Marymount University 5 - 0 last Wednesday at the SU soccer complex.

By Ben Muell
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, the men's soccer team (12-3-2, CAC 5-0) hosted Capital Athletic Conference rival Marymount University in the final regular season home game. The Gulls made easy work of the visiting Saints by defeating them 5-0, netting four second half goals. This was the ninth shutout of the season for the Gulls.

The Gulls celebrated Senior Day on Wednesday. Pre-game festivities included the introduction of the men's soccer team's four seniors, midfielders Romaine Bruney and Scott Sparrow and defenders Ryan Chacon and Steven Mellow.

Twelve minutes into the contest, junior midfielder Kyle Sterling scored on a fast break up on the left side. He was assisted by sophomore forward Mike Napolitano. Through the rest of the first half, the Gulls pressured the Saints defense but were unable to finish. The score remained 1-0 at the intermission.

The Gulls' offense came alive during the second half as they thoroughly dominated the field.

The second half fireworks started just two minutes in as Bruney blasted his second goal of the season from the right side of the field into the left side of the net. Bruney then assisted Sterling's second goal of the day, putting the Gulls up by three.

Later on, sophomore midfielder Dave Corrigan placed a corner on the head of sophomore forward Chris Finney, who was able to put it past the Marymount keeper, upping SU's lead to four. In the 80th minute, the final goal was scored off a loose ball in front of the net by freshman midfielder Sam Flax.

It was a leisurely outing for Salisbury's defense and junior keeper Greg Wellinghoff, who made two saves and recorded his sixth shutout of the season. The Sea Gulls' offense out shot Marymount 19-4 and took seven more corners.

Salisbury returned to action and finished their regular season on Saturday, Oct. 25. The Gulls tied CAC rival University of Mary Washington, 0-0. SU now prepares for the upcoming CAC tournament which begins on Nov. 2.

Mens basketball looking good

By Jeremy Kummer
Staff Writer

Last year, the SU men's basketball team was a disappointing 7-20 with a 4-12 conference record. However, this is a brand new year with brand new people and a brand new outlook. Salisbury will have nine returning players, who have not forgotten last year but are not dwelling on it either. In addition, with fresh, new and big incoming freshmen and transfers, this year's basketball team looks like it has finally put all the pieces together. "This is probably one of if not the most talented basketball teams that I have been a part of here at SU," said returning senior Sean Whitaker.

SU could not really compete last year because they simply did not

have all the ingredients they needed to succeed. SU lacked several key players that would have not only helped, but also possibly transform their season. "Last year our main areas of weakness were our lack of a point guard and lack of a real big man," said returning junior Greg Palmer. "Now we not only have a legitimate point guard, but a couple of big men who can really, really play." The new Sea Gulls finally have every piece they need to make this year's season a highly victorious one.

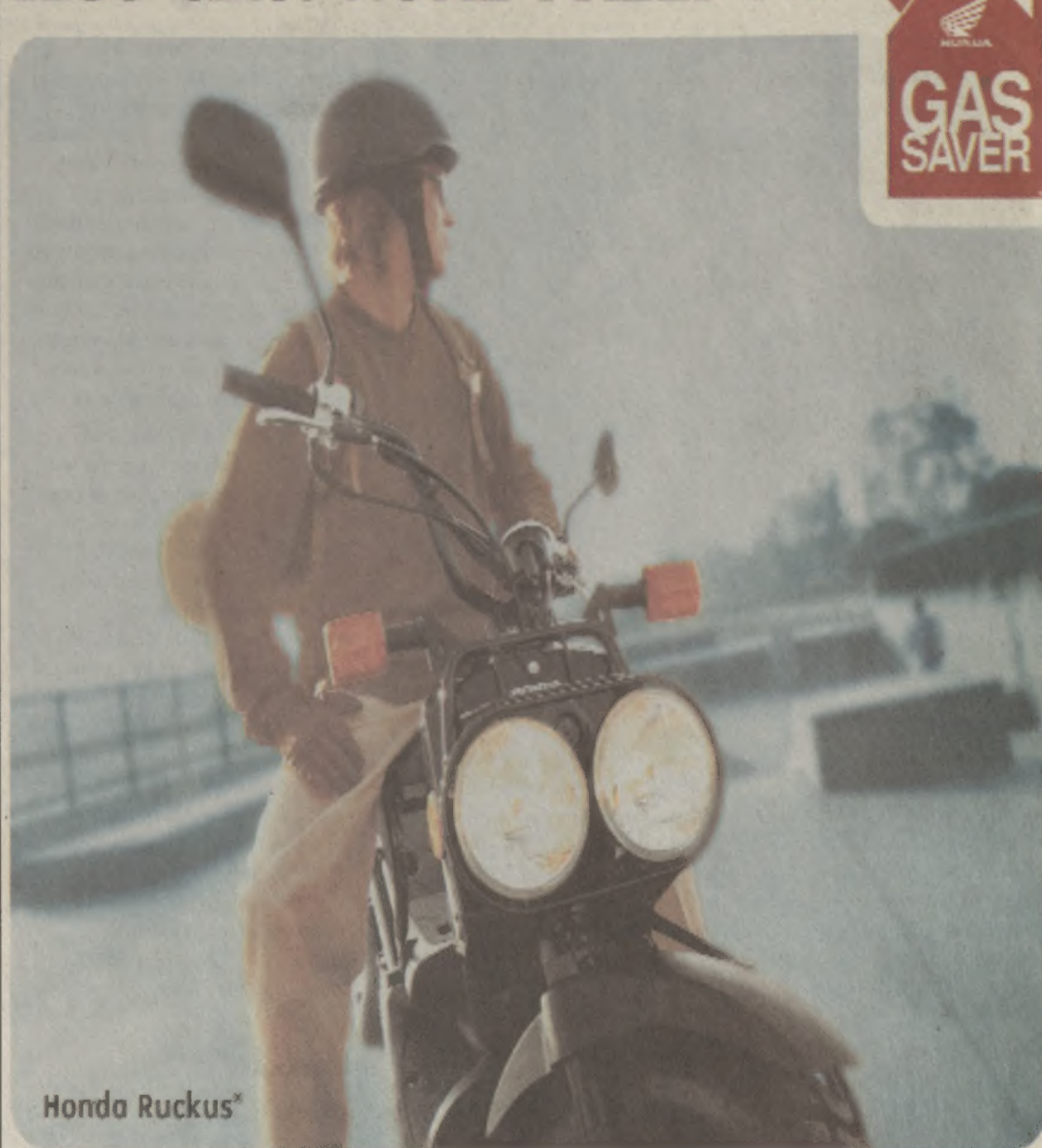
Salisbury opens up their promising season at Virginia Wesleyan on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. They have several preseason tournaments including one at Dickinson College and the Pride of Maryland, which will not only test them but give a fairly good idea of how this year's sea-

son will play out. The Sea Gulls begin their conference schedule at home on Dec. 3 against last year's CAC second place team, Mary Washington (18-9).

"Our goal is to obviously win the CAC and with this year's team, I think that is a reasonable and reachable goal," Whittaker said. Salisbury will try to reestablish itself as a CAC powerhouse and they certainly have the right tools and outlook to do so. "I really feel like we are a completed puzzle. We've got defenders, shooters, big men and a deep bench. We have it all and I plan on us being very successful this season," Palmer said.

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